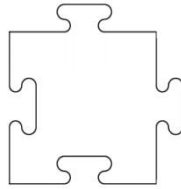


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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: RM-11683; DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340

Dear Ms. Dortch:

For almost 20 years, I have enjoyed working as a communications and media consultant for a variety of issue campaigns. As a small business entrepreneur and Alabama native, I prefer to serve clients in my home state, but to make ends meet in our current economy, I've had to dramatically increase my out-of-state travel. In many of the locales where I wind up working, I've found wireless broadband offerings are obviously much greater in larger, urban markets. I'm stunned at the capacity comparison not only to my largely rural home state but also within the other predominantly rural areas where I often work.

It's because of such dramatic differences that I write to support LightSquared and the northern Virginia company's recent license modification application. For rural America, we need more choice and more competition not only to spur us out of the current economic decline but also as a simple matter of fairness. Consumers of Montgomery, Jackson, Memphis, Little Rock, Jacksonville and countless other cities often don't have access to the same sort of broadband speeds or connectivity that larger metropolitan areas have. I long for the day that my children can do their homework on an iPad, just like many youngsters in bigger cities already do. With the wholesale business model that LightSquared proposes, I'm optimistic that those kinds of opportunities are certainly within reach in the not-too-distant future.

I'm familiar with the company's recent history and difficulties in overcoming interference concerns with the GPS industry. While I appreciate the Commission's commitment to protect GPS services, I want to urge you to approve the license modification, particularly in light of the firm's latest proposal. I understand that LightSquared's current plan would provide GPS receivers with a 10 MHz guardband from land-based services, and I'm hopeful that concession alleviates the interference concerns that have dogged the company for way too long.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brannon Walden
Principal

cc: U.S. Representative Martha Roby
Senator Richard Shelby
Senator Jeff Sessions
U.S. Representative Mike D. Rogers
U.S. Representative Mo Brooks
U.S. Representative Terri A. Sewell
U.S. Representative Jo Bonner
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